

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF
CITY OF ALAMEDA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2006
7:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chairman Kelly called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m.

Present: Commission Members: Dahlberg, Lindsey, Ryan, Wetzork and Zuppan

Absent: Commission Members: Autorino and Schmitz

Vacancies: One

Staff: Eric Fonstein and Rosemary Valeska

MINUTES

1. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 20, 2006

Motion (Wetzork), seconded and unanimous to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 20, 2006 as submitted.

2. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 17, 2006

Motion (Dahlberg), seconded and unanimous to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 17, 2006 as submitted.

At this time, Chairman Kelly officially welcomed new Commission Member, Alan Ryan.

CONSENT CALENDAR

(None)

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - PUBLIC

(No speaker slips were submitted.)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

3. Letter of Appreciation to Sherri Stieg

Former Commission Member Stieg was not in attendance. Chairman Kelly read the letter of appreciation into the record.

At this time, Commission Member Wetzork noted that there were presenters in the audience and recommended that Item 4, Election of Officers for 2006-07, be taken after Item 7. Chairman Kelly agreed to this request.

NEW BUSINESS

4. Presentation by Cathy Woodbury, Planning and Building Director, Regarding Ongoing Projects

Ms. Woodbury distributed copies of the September 21, 2006 *Planning and Building Department Status Report* (Attachment 1) and addressed Commission Member comments and questions. This item was presented for information, only; no EDC action was requested.

5. Presentation by Debbie Potter, Base Reuse and Community Programs Manager, Regarding Alameda Point

Ms. Potter distributed copies of the September 21, 2006 press release, *Alameda Point Community Partners Declines to Proceed with Developing Alameda Point* (Attachment 2). She stated that due to these sudden developments, she would not be giving her planned presentation. This item was presented for information, only; no EDC action was requested.

6. Recommendation to Endorse Sixth Amendment to the Community Improvement Plan for the Business and Waterfront Improvement Project to Delete Existing Plan Land Use References and Replace with City of Alameda General Plan Land Uses

Rachel Silver, Development Manager for Housing, was present to address Commission Member questions. Motion (Wetzork), seconded and unanimous to endorse the Sixth Amendment.

7. Election of Officers for 2006-07

Commission Member Wetzork received the majority of the votes cast for Chair and presided as Chair for the remainder of the meeting. A vote for Vice Chair was not taken as Commission Member Zuppan had been the only nominee for that office.

8. Request to Nominate Two Economic Development Commission Members to Serve on the Working Committee to Study Big Box Retail

Commission Members Ryan and Zuppan volunteered to represent the EDC on this committee. Chairman Wetzork accepted these volunteers as the EDC's nominees.

REPORTS

9. Oral Report: Commission Member Wetzork – Chair of the Economic Development Strategic Plan Update Subcommittee

Chairman Wetzork stated that there had been no subcommittee meetings and had nothing new to report.

10. Oral Report: Commission Member Schmitz – EDC representative to the Multi-Modal Transportation Task Force

No report due to Commission Member Schmitz's absence.

11. Oral Report: Commission Member Wetzork – EDC representative to the Pedestrian Task Force

Chairman Wetzork stated that there had been no task force meetings and had nothing new to report.

12. Oral Report: Commission Member Autorino – EDC representative to the City of Alameda Task Force of the Alameda County Climate Protection Project

No report due to Commission Member Autorino's absence.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

13. League of Women Voters Press Release – League Panel September 28 to Explore Island Transportation Impacts of New Housing Developments on Both Sides of Oakland Estuary

14. Redevelopment – Building Better Communities – September 2006

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – COMMISSION MEMBERS AND STAFF

- Commission Member Kelly stated that it he was glad to hear from the Planning and Building Director that the Big Box Committee's meetings would be starting in January 2007 instead of October 2006, as the Target proposal for Alameda Towne Centre is currently under review by the Planning Board. He stated that he believed Council's intent was more about potential big box retail at Alameda Landing.
- Chairman Wetzork encouraged the EDC members to attend the Monday, September 25 Planning Board meeting regarding the Target EIR. He stated that a good job was done on the EIR summary.
- Chairman Wetzork stated that the Thursday, September 28 Chamber lunch would be held at the Encinal Yacht Club. The featured speaker would be Coast Guard Admiral Breckinridge.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Fonstein
Economic Development Coordinator

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